

Virginia Lonas Sharp, Cora Black, Sara Rudder, Gladys Rogers, Elree Culp, Onye M. Holliman, and Angie A. Nazaretian for fifty years of membership. For over half a century, these members have devoted themselves to their Limestone County community, their state, and their nation providing not only financial assistance but also their personal time whenever the community needs them.

The Alabama Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star was established in Alabama in 1901 in Montgomery. Thousands of members in the 200 chapters of this fraternal organization support countless numbers of charities and humanitarian projects such as cancer research and scholarships that enhance and enrich the lives of all of our citizens. I commend and thank this distinguished group for their service, and especially these fifty-year members of the Athens Chapter #214.

COMMEMORATING THE 182ND ANNIVERSARY OF GREEK INDEPENDENCE

**HON. JAMES R. LANGEVIN**

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 9, 2002*

Mr. LANGEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in proud recognition of the 182nd anniversary of Greek Independence. This is a great day, for it commemorates the return of democracy to the cradle of Western Civilization after nearly four hundred years of foreign rule.

Greece has always been proud and independent by nature. Its people were a powerful force both culturally and militarily, as evidenced by the works of Homer and the multitude of Greek philosophers. The pinnacle of Greek influence was Alexander the Great and his unification of the eastern Mediterranean and ancient Middle East. Greek culture was spread throughout the new empire and for the first time, people were communicating with a common language, sharing ideas in a way never before possible. This Hellenization transformed every place is touched.

Nearly two thousand years later, another important concept from ancient Greece came to the forefront of modern thought. The concept of "rule by the people" gained prominence in the young United States. This was the desire of the framers of our Constitution, and they found their inspiration in the principles of the polis of Athens.

In 1821, thirty years after the birth of our nation, the people of Greece acted upon a desire to be free. The Ottoman Turks had conquered the region in 1453, bringing an end to over a thousand years of rule by the Orthodox-Christian Byzantine Empire and its resurgence of Greek culture. After a bloody eleven-year war, Greece was finally free once again.

In the modern era, one of the most important reminders of Greek heritage is the Olympic Games, which are finally returning to their origins in Athens in 2004 for the 25th Summer Olympic Games. For more than a century, the Olympics have symbolized peace and excellence for people the world over, reassuring us that even the smallest nation can compete on an equal ground with the largest.

With their intertwined histories, Greece and the United States stand as natural allies with a fine record of cooperation at the global level.

The roots of this strong relationship are fixed in the two nations' shared views on independence, freedom, and democracy. These principles still flourish millennia after their creation, and the United States and Greece continue to uphold the promise of democratic ideals.

Mr. Speaker, it is this feeling that I believe is the greatest contribution Greece has given to our world: We are all equal, whether it is in our democratic government or in friendly competition, and we can come together in friendship even during the most difficult of times. With that, I would like to thank my colleagues for holding this special order and once again congratulate Greece on the anniversary of its independence and all of the gifts it has given us.

REMEMBERING RABBI ISRAEL MILLER

**HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 9, 2002*

Ms. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Rabbi Israel Miller's contributions to the global Jewish community and in memory of his recent passing.

Rabbi Miller was born in Baltimore, MD., but he made his home in New York. A graduate of Yeshiva University, the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary and Columbia University, Rabbi Miller was a well-learned man who dedicated his life to the needs of the international Jewish community.

Rabbi Israel Miller expressed his dedication to different members of the Jewish community through his activism and leadership in a variety of organizations. He served as president since 1982 of the Conference of Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, an organization dedicated to financial restitution of Holocaust survivors. Miller helped Soviet Jewry through his leadership of the American Jewish Conference on Soviet Jewry. He also served as chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, founding and honorary president of the American Zionist Federation, and a founder of the Jewish Community Relations Council.

Rabbi Israel Miller lived a long, healthy and gratifying life. He is survived by his wife, Ruth, his four children, 19 grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, and brother and sister. I share their pride over his achievements.

Rabbi Miller's accomplishments and contributions to our local, national and international community were obvious and greatly appreciated. His involvement in the peace process in Israel is notable and commendable, specifically in light of the recent conflict.

I join my constituents and the entire Jewish community in remembering Rabbi Miller as a leader and role model for past, present and future generations.

CELEBRATING AFGHAN GIRLS GOING BACK TO SCHOOL

**HON. NANCY PELOSI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 9, 2002*

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I commend Congresswoman TAMMY BALDWIN for her leader-

ship and thank her for organizing today's statements. On March 23, the girls of Afghanistan returned to school, and on that day a milestone was reached in the re-establishment of Afghanistan's civil society. Preceding the takeover by the Taliban, women constituted 70 percent of the teachers in Afghanistan, 50 percent of the government workers, 40 percent of the health professionals. During the Taliban regime, women were forced out of the workforce and girls were banned from school. Now, the women are returning to work, and with the return of girls to school, Afghanistan is laying the groundwork for the full participation of all of its children in developing a brighter future.

As we celebrate this milestone in Afghanistan, we also must recognize the need for access to education for girls around the world. Nearly a quarter of the world's adult population cannot read and write and two thirds of the illiterate adults are women. In looking at gender equality in secondary education enrollment, only eleven percent of countries have achieved gender equality, in fact 51 percent of countries have a lower enrollment ratio for girls than boys.

Education gives women the skills and tools that they need to participate fully in society. Education enables women to raise healthier and better-educated children. Educated women are more likely to participate in the decision making process of government, making an impact on policy that affects their daily lives. As we celebrate with the people of Afghanistan, let us also commit ourselves to ensuring that other girls across the globe have access to basic education, and the chance to make a better life for themselves.

HONORING ROGER SAMUEL

**HON. DALE E. KILDEE**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 9, 2002*

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the recipient of the Edgar A. Guest Community Service Award. The Edgar A. Guest Award is given annually by the Flint-C.A. Durand Masonic Lodge Number 23 to honor the community service of a distinguished non-Mason. This year's recipient is Roger Samuel. He will receive the award at a dinner to be held in his honor on April 9th in my hometown of Flint, Michigan.

As an honorary member of the Old Newsboys of Flint, Roger Samuel plays an integral part in that organization's Christmas campaign, "Let No Child be Forgotten." In its 77th year, this program is dedicated to the idea that every child will be remembered on Christmas Day. Each year thousands of volunteers sell newspapers on the street corners throughout Genesee County. The newspapers publicize the program and raise money to pay for toys, coats, boots, hats and mittens. Roger donates the resources of the Flint Journal and pays for the ink, paper and printing of these newspapers. Without his support, valuable money would be diverted away from children.

Roger Samuel has lived in Flint since 1991 and has been the publisher of the Flint Journal since 1996. His work with the Old Newsboys of Flint is just one part of Roger's commitment to his community. During the last decade Roger has served as the president of the Rotary Club of Greater Flint Sunrise, chair of the

Flint Cultural Center Corporation, chair of the Genesys Health Board of Trustees, chair of the Genesee Area Focus Council, the chair of the 1999 United Way Campaign for Genesee County. In addition, he is active on the Board of Regents of Baker College of Flint, the Board of Directors of the United Way of Genesee and Lapeer Counties, the Community Foundation of Flint, and the Hundred Club of Flint.

Part of Roger's tradition of service is reflected in his vision for the Flint Journal. The Flint-C.A. Durand Lodge will take this opportunity to commend him for the voice he has provided to civic and cultural groups. Through the Community Calendar feature and human interest articles, Roger has demonstrated a willingness to spotlight programs and individuals that often are overlooked in the barrage of daily news items.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Roger Samuel. I have known him since he arrived in Flint and I respect his judgment, his advice, his business acumen, his compassion, and his sense of responsibility to his community. The Flint-C.A. Durand Masonic Lodge is to be commended for recognizing and honoring Roger Samuel's generosity to the Flint area.

HONORING DR. ROBERT DUNN OF  
CUMMING, GEORGIA

HON. BOB BARR

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 9, 2002*

Mr. BARR of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, Dr. Robert Dunn, a physician of Cumming Georgia is best described by his peers as humble. They have a deep respect for his skill and commitment as a physician and role model for other physicians.

Dr. Dunn, joined by his family, his wife Norma, their children, Charlene McGill, Bill, Rick and Roger Dunn, along with his peers, was honored last month by Baptist Medical Center. In his honor they redecorated two rooms in the main emergency room as "kid friendly."

Dr. Dunn graduated from Emory University in 1947, and with three fellow physicians started a family practice in Forsyth County, helping meet the medical needs of the entire community. At 76 years of age, he continues to practice medicine, as well as attending conferences and continuing education to stay current with his skills.

Dr. Dunn's dedication to the community has continued for over 50 years. Among his many contributions, he donated his time and practice to providing free physicals for local boy scouts, and he donated land for the preservation of Sawnee Mountain. He led his Christian ministry to Zaire for missionary work and served his grateful nation in Korea.

I would like to join in acknowledging Dr. Robert Dunn for his ongoing commitment and dedication to the community.

THE HARD TRUTH, BY THOMAS C.  
FRIEDMAN

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 9, 2002*

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following article.

[From the New York Times, Apr. 3, 2002]

THE HARD TRUTH

(By Thomas L. Friedman)

A terrible disaster is in the making in the Middle East. What Osama bin Laden failed to achieve on Sept. 11 is now being unleashed by the Israeli-Palestinian war in the West Bank: a clash of civilizations.

In the wake of repeated suicide bombings, it is no surprise that the Israeli Army has gone on the offensive in the West Bank. Any other nation would have done the same. But Ariel Sharon's operation will succeed only if it is designed to make the Israeli-occupied territories safe for Israel to leave as soon as possible. Israel's goal must be a withdrawal from these areas captured in the 1967 war; otherwise it will never know a day's peace, and it will undermine every legitimate U.S. effort to fight terrorism around the globe.

What I fear, though, is that Mr. Sharon wants to get rid of Mr. Arafat in order to keep Israeli West Bank settlements, not to create the conditions for them to be withdrawn.

President Bush needs to be careful that America doesn't get sucked into something very dangerous here. Mr. Bush has rightly condemned Palestinian suicide bombing as beyond the pale, but he is not making clear that Israel's war against this terrorism has to be accompanied by a real plan for getting out of the territories.

Why? Because President Bush, like all the other key players, doesn't want to face the central dilemma in this conflict—which is that while Israel must get out of the West Bank and Gaza, the Palestinians cannot, at this moment, be trusted to run those territories on their own, without making them a base of future operations against Israel. That means some outside power has to come in to secure the borders, and the only trusted powers would be the U.S. or NATO.

Palestinians who use suicide bombers to blow up Israelis at a Passover meal and then declare "Just end the occupation and everything will be fine" are not believable. No Israeli in his right mind would trust Yasir Arafat, who has used suicide bombers when it suited his purposes, not to do the same thing if he got the West Bank back and some of his people started demanding Tel Aviv.

"The only solution is a new U.N. mandate for U.S. and NATO troops to supervise the gradual emergence of a Palestinian state—after a phased Israeli withdrawal—and then to control its borders," says the Middle East expert Stephen P. Cohen.

People say that U.S. troops there would be shot at like U.S. troops in Beirut. I disagree. U.S. troops that are the midwife of a Palestinian state and supervise a return of Muslim sovereignty over the holy mosques in Jerusalem would be the key to solving all the contradictions of U.S. policy in the Middle East, not new targets.

The Arab leaders don't want to face this hard fact either, because most are illegitimate, unelected autocrats who are afraid of ever speaking the truth in public to the Palestinians. The Arab leaders are a disingenuous as Mr. Sharon; he says ending "terrorism" alone will bring peace to the occupied territories, and the Arab leaders say

ending "the occupation" alone will end all terrorism.

Like Mr. Sharon, the Arab leaders need to face facts—that while the occupation needs to end, they independently need to address issues like suicide terrorism in the name of Islam. As Malaysia's prime minister, Mahathir Mohamad, courageously just declared about suicide bombing: "Bitter and angry though we may be, we must demonstrate to the world that Muslims are rational people when fighting for our rights, and do not resort to acts of terror."

If Arab leaders have only the moral courage to draw lines around Israel's behavior, but no moral courage to decry the utterly corrupt and inept Palestinian leadership or the depravity of suicide bombers in the name of Islam, then we're going nowhere.

The other people who have not wanted to face facts are the feckless American Jewish leaders, fundamentalist Christians and neoconservatives who together have helped make it impossible for anyone in the U.S. administration to talk seriously about halting Israeli settlement-building without being accused of being anti-Israel. Their collaboration has helped prolong a colonial Israeli occupation that now threatens the entire Zionist enterprise.

So there you have it. Either leaders of good will get together and acknowledge that Israel can't stay in the territories but can't just pick up and leave, without a U.S.-NATO force helping Palestinians oversee their state, or Osama wins—and the war of civilizations will be coming to a theater near you.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO HIDY OCHIAI

HON. MAURICE D. HINCHEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 9, 2002*

Mr. HINCHEY. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to congratulate Hidy Ochiai as he receives the Endicott, New York SERTOMA Club's 2002 Service to Mankind Award. I commend the SERTOMA Club on its choice of Mr. Ochiai as the recipient of this award.

Mr. Ochiai began his martial arts training in Tokyo, Japan at the age of six, taught by his father. In 1966 he received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Albright College and opened his first school of Washin-ryu Karate in Broome County, New York. He now has a total of 25 branch schools servicing the public. Mr. Ochiai established a karate program as part of a physical education curriculum which, in 1969, was implemented by Broome Community College. Mr. Ochiai has successfully competed in many tournaments, including his first national tournament in 1970 where he won the kata title at the U.S.K.A. Grand Nationals.

Mr. Ochiai has an outstanding record of community service in Broome County and, including the establishment of the Education Karate Program (EKP). More than 30,000 students have completed the EKP, earning Mr. Ochiai the Distinguished Alumnus Award from Albright College for its development. In addition to his work through the EKP, he has written five books.

It is my pleasure to join Hidy Ochiai's colleagues, friends and family in extending my deepest appreciation for his outstanding community service. His personal and professional enthusiasm has made him a valuable asset to our community, and we thank him for his service.